



## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING September 11, 2013 Minutes**

### **Members Present:**

Howard Pizzo and Karen Mojica

### **Members Absent:**

Dennis Fedewa

### **Staff Members Present:**

Richard Watkins, Jen Roberts and Mark Graham

#### **1. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

#### **2. Public Comment:**

N/A

#### **3. Set/Adjust Agenda:**

Karen Mojica moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jen Roberts supported. All agreed. Motion carried.

#### **4. Complete Streets Ordinance:**

Howard Pizzo indicated that Mark Graham had suggested the Eaton County Road Commission attend the next Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for October 8th, to share with and get their opinion on the Complete Streets Ordinance, prior to taking it to the Township Board. Jen Roberts was asked to send a copy of the ordinance to them this week, which would provide them time to review it prior to the meeting. A discussion followed and all agreed to the invitation.

#### **5. EATRAN Update:**

Howard Pizzo provided an overview of plans EATRAN has for Delta Township, which they hope to implement next summer. This coverage will include their on demand service.

A discussion ensued, which included the following items:

- CATA versus EATRAN with regard to fixed routes
- Marketing of routes
- Regional Prosperity Grant possibly being used for transportation/transit issues
- LEAP, Tri-County and the Chamber working together to support the transit issue
- Experience of each carrier
- Service levels in rural areas

- Wal-Mart bus/Indian Trails
- Need for connection in the region
- Going beyond the Eaton and Ingham County boundaries

**6. New Business:**

Richard provided a list of roads which are scheduled for repaving in subdivisions, which will be completed this year. A discussion on the budget, and future budgets for road repaving occurred.

Richard also indicated that there is some talk of a county wide millage for road maintenance. A discussion on concerns with regard to how this is implemented followed.

Howard indicated that there was also a talk about a millage for county parks, or parks in the county, which the County Parks Commission is proposing. A discussion on the benefits, both pros and cons, to Delta Township ensued.

Richard informed the Committee of a problem on the trail, on both sides of Carrier Creek. He provided details of the problem, which Gary Arnold is looking into a solution. The goal is to get the problem fixed as soon as possible. The contractor who originated the trail has no liability on this issue. Update to follow. Richard indicated that he plans to meet with staff with regard to future trails in the Township, which would include the trails in the parks.

Richard updated the group on the current status of the Safe Routes, which is in MDOT's hands and will not be constructed until next spring.

**7. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.